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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>AUG 30 1954</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/3,5,6,10;6/15,17,18;8/12,16-20,23/54</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>HAROLD R. CLAUS</b>
TITLE <b>MARTHA KAHN, was: Martha Lepowsky, Mrs. Isidore Kahn</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER-C</b>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject born 1/29/02, Brooklyn, New York, resides 250 West 24th Street, New York, New York. Background information set forth. Informants of known reliability, advised the following: subject a "hard core" CP member 1946-1949; has been teacher for the New York State CP School Commission; teacher in Painters Branch CP, 1946-1947; teacher at School of Marxist Study, JSSS between 1946 and 1949; one MARTHA LEPOWSKY associated with or sympathetic to CP in 1942; member IWO 1946, 1950-1952; signed letters of protest concerning MORRIS U. SCHAPPES 1943, DALE ZYSMAN 1942, Feinberg-Heck Bill 1949; reported to be member of Executive Committee of Teachers Union, NYC, 1942. Testimony before HCUA reflects subject member of CP and studied at New York State CP School, 1939. Signed ALP Nominating Petition 1951. Registered ALP 1948-1953. Associate of RHEA SEILER and MARY LAUTNER. Informant of unknown reliability advised subject considered "risk" by NYC Board of Education. Description set forth.

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DETAILS: All informants characterized by a T symbol in this report are of known reliability, unless otherwise

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mentioned.

This investigation was predicated on information furnished by T-1, as set out in this report.

## I BACKGROUND

### Birth

The records of the Board of Education, New York, New York, were made available by Mr. HOWARD J. HUMAN, Records Office, Board of Education, 110 Livingston Street, New York, New York, to SA WILLIAM J. DANIELSON on June 17, 1954. These records reflected that MARTHA LEPOWSKY was born on January 29, 1902, at Brooklyn, New York.

### Education

The records of the Board of Education, New York, New York, reflect that the subject attended the Maxwell Training School for teachers, Brooklyn, New York, from 1919 until 1921. These records reflected further that the subject attended Hunter College, Evening Division, from 1928 until 1931. She was granted a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education at Hunter College in 1934.

### Marital Status

The records of the Board of Education, New York, New York, reflect that the subject was married on November 26, 1947, at New York, New York, to ISIDORE ~~KAHN~~, who was born on December 31, 1903 in Poland-Russia. C.P.

### Criminal

The records of the Bureau of Criminal Identification, New York City Police Department, as reviewed by SA AUGUST J. MICEK on May 10, 1954, did not reflect a record of the subject. N.Y. Russia  
Poland

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Employment

The records of the Board of Education, New York, New York, reflected that the subject became a substitute teacher in the New York School System in October, 1921, and in February, 1922, she was appointed as a regular teacher. According to these records, the subject was continuously employed as a teacher in the New York School System until she retired on May 1, 1951.

T-2, of unknown reliability, but who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning the subject, has advised that the subject has been considered a "risk" by the New York City Board of Education. The informant advised that in the event the subject applies for re-instatement with the Board of Education, it would be necessary to conduct an investigation concerning the subject before she could be re-employed.

Residence

T-15, of unknown reliability but who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning the subject, advised in August, 1954, that the subject was residing at that time at 250 West 24th Street, New York, New York.

The records of the Board of Education, New York, New York, reflected that the subject has previously resided at the following addresses:

255 Hart Street, Brooklyn, New York, in 1919;  
1925; 943 St. Marks Place, Brooklyn, New York, in  
1081 Park Place, Brooklyn, New York, in 1930.

## II AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

### Membership in the CP.

T-1 has advised that the subject was a member of the Communist Party from 1946 through 1949. The informant described the subject as a "hard core" Communist Party member.

A report entitled "Hearing Before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 83d Congress, First Session, Investigation of Communist Activities in the New York City area" reflects on pages 1195 to 1229, the testimony of Mrs. DOROTHY K. FUNN, a self-admitted former member of the Communist Party, which testimony was given in May, 1953. This testimony reflects that Mrs. FUNN knew MARTHA LEPOWSKY, who later married and became Mrs. KAHN as a student at a New York State Communist Party School in July, 1939. This school was held at Bergman's Farm, near Kingston, New York.

According to Mrs. FUNN'S testimony, MARTHA LEPOWSKY was a New York City teacher and as of July, 1939, had probably been a Communist Party member for at least a year, inasmuch as Mrs. FUNN said one of the requirements to attend the school was at least a years membership in the Communist Party.

The records of T-4, the New York office of another Government agency, which conducts Security Investigations, reflected in 1942 that <sup>one</sup> MARTHA LEPOWSKY, 45 Hawthorne Street, Brooklyn, New York, was associated with, or was sympathetic to the Communist Party.

### CP Meetings.

T-1 has advised that the subject attended "many" Communist Party meetings during 1947, 1948, and 1949.

### Position in the Communist Party

T-1 has advised that the subject had been a teacher in the Painter's Branch of the Communist Party

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in New York City in 1946-1947, and during this course of instruction, the subject taught the five features of Leninism.

The informant advised further that from 1947 to 1949, the subject had been a teacher in the School of Marxist Study, at the Jefferson School of Social Science. The informant advised that this was considered as the inner school at Jefferson, where only Communist Party members were taught.

In addition, the informant has advised that the subject has been a teacher for the New York State Communist Party Education Commission.

#### International Workers Order

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-5 has advised that MARTHA LEPKAHN KAHN was a member of Lodge Number 500, International Workers Order in July, 1951.

T-6 has advised that MARTHA LEPOWSKY was a member of Lodge Number 500, International Workers Order in December, 1946.

T-6 advised further that MARTHA LEPKAHN KAHN was a member of Lodge Number 500, International Workers Order in 1950, 1951, and 1952.

#### American Labor Party

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", dated May 14, 1951, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

- "1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.' (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, Page 78.)
- "2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, Pages 40 and 41.)"

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department as reviewed by SA AUGUST J. MICEK on August 12, 1954, reflected that MARTHA LEFKOWITZ KAHN, 250 West 24th Street, New York City, signed an American Labor Party Nominating Petition, (Page 17) for CLIFFORD T. MC AVOY for President of the City Council in 1951, Third Assembly District.

The records of the Board of Elections, Borough of Manhattan, New York, as reviewed by SA WILLIAM R. MILLER, on August 16, 1954, reflected that MARTHA LEFKOWITZ KAHN resided at 250 West 24th Street, New York, New York, registered to vote from 1948 until 1953 giving as a party preference the American Labor Party for each of these years.

Teachers' Union.

The records of T-4 reflected in 1942 that one MARTHA LEPOWSKY, teacher at Lafayette High School, Brooklyn, New York, was reputed to be a member of the Executive Committee of the Teachers' Union.

The Rapp-Coudert Committee, a New York Legis-



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lative Committee which investigated subversive influences in the New York State Public Schools from 1940 until 1942, reported in February, 1942, that the Teachers' Union of New York City, was, at that time, commonly accepted and adequately proven to be controlled by the Communists. This committee also reported that teachers, who at that time still belonged to the Teachers' Union, could no longer be deemed ignorant of the true nature of the Teachers' Union, and they must be either Communists, willing tools of Communists, or willfully blind to the record.

Letters of Protest

The records of T-4 reflected in 1942 that one MARTHA LEPOWSKY, a teacher at Lafayette High School, Brooklyn, New York, had protested the dismissal of DALE ZYSMAN, a Communist Party suspect, from the United States Navy. N.Y.

DALE ZYSMAN advised agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1952 that he had been a member of the Communist Party from 1926 until 1947 at New York, New York.

T-7 has advised that <sup>one</sup> MARTHA LEPOWSKY, 25 West 24th Street, New York City, had signed a letter to Governor THOMAS E. DEWEY in December, 1943, requesting a pardon for MORRIS U. SCHAPPES.

The records of the clerk of the General Sessions Court, County of New York, disclosed that MORRIS U. SCHAPPES, and instructor in English at the College of the City of New York, was dismissed on March 15, 1941, following an investigation of Communism in the Educational System, State of New York, by the Rapp-Coudert Joint Legislative Committee. At the hearings in this investigation SCHAPPES admitted that he had been a member of the Communist Party and active as such on the college campus from 1935 until 1940. He testified subsequently that during the period of his activity there



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were but four other members of the College of the City of New York Unit of the Communist Party, whereas other witnesses offered testimony showing that there were fifty members.

On the basis of this testimony SCHAPPES was indicted on four counts for giving false testimony before the Committee. He was convicted on June 28, 1941, in the General Sessions Court, New York, New York, and sentenced to serve eighteen to twenty-four months in State Prison.

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, reflected that MARTHA LEPOWSKY KAHN, 250 West 24th Street, New York City, sent a letter of protest to the State Capital, Albany, New York, concerning the Feinberg-Heck Bill in the New York Legislature, which bill was in regard to the ousting of the Communists from the New York School System.

#### Associates

T-8 has advised that MARTHA LEPOWSKY was known to RHEA SEILER.

T-9 advised in 1944 that RHEA ~~SEILER~~ was transferred from the Chelsea Branch of the Communist Party, New York, New York, to the North Beach Branch Communist Party, San Francisco, California.

T-1 advised that MARTHA KAHN was a close associate of MARY ~~BERNIKOW~~ LAUTNER. The informant advised that MARY LAUTNER was a member of the Communist Party in 1950.

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#### Spouse

T-3 has advised that as of March, 1948, ISIDORE KAHN was a member of the Communist Party.

#### III. MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the Credit Bureau of Greater New York, as reviewed by SE GERARD M. LENAHAH on

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August 17, 1954, reflected no information pertinent to this investigation.

T-10, T-11, T-12, T-13, and T-14, who are familiar with phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area, have advised that they did not know the subject, and were unable to furnish any information concerning her.

Description

T-1 furnished the following description of the subject:

Name	MARTHA KAHN
Aliases	MARTHA LEPOWSKY, Mrs. ISIDORE KAHN
Date of Birth	1/29/02
Place of Birth	Brooklyn, New York
Height	5'2"
Weight	115 lbs.
Hair	Gray
Build	Medium
Characteristics	Round youthful face.

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T-1 NY 588-S	CP Membership and CP activities	5/7/54	JOHN H. DOWNING HAROLD L. HOLT	100-118425-3
T-2 HENRY COSHBURN Division of Teachers Records, Board of Education, NYC	Subject considered "risk" by NYC Board of Education	6/16/54	WILLIAM J. DANIELSON	Instant Report
T-3 [REDACTED]	Documentation of ISIDORE KAHN.			
T-4 ONI, U.S. Navy. 3ND	Association or sympathy with CP	6/20/42	SAC	65-4309-13380
	Protest to USA re DALE ZYSMAN	6/12/42	SAC	100-31551-1757 P. 85
	Membership in Teachers' Union	"	"	"
T-5 [REDACTED]	IWO Membership	1/23/53	DAMON W. PITCHER	100-2936-1A612 (31)
T-6 [REDACTED]	IWO Membership	2/26/52	EVERETT K. DEANE A.E. FALLER	100-2936-1A612 (30)

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T-6 Cont'd		4/27/51	EVERETT K. DEANE SAMUEL N. JENNINGS	100-2936-1A612 (28)
	IWO Membership	3/17/50	EVERETT K. DEANE AMBROSE W. CONROY	100-2936-1A612 (24)
	IWO Membership	12/23/47	EVERETT K. DEANE SAMUEL N. JENNINGS	100-2936-1A612
T-7	Letter to Gov. THOMAS E. DEWEY official of the re pardon for State of NY who MORRIS U. SCHAPPES made the info in December, 1943 available to the Albany Office and was forwarded to NYO by letter, 1/24/44	1/24/44	SAC	100-59086-22,23
T-8	Anonymous			
T-9				
	Documentation of RHEA SEILER			

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T-10 NY 694-S	Negative	5/10/54	ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	Instant Report
T-11 [REDACTED]	Negative	5/5/54	ARTHUR P. HEALY	"
T-12 [REDACTED]	Negative	5/5/54	ARTHUR P. HEALY	"
T-13 [REDACTED]	Negative	5/5/54	ARTHUR P. HEALY	"
T-14 [REDACTED]	Negative	5/6/54	RICHARD H. BLASSER	"
T-15 Pretext telephone call to subject's residence	Residence	8/18/54	HAROLD R. CLAUS	"

MISCELLANEOUS

It is noted that the subject's husband, ISIDORE KAHN, wa, Bufile 100-90032, is included in the Security Index of the NYO.

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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, New York.

Will attempt to determine subject's present employment.

Will verify subject's birth at Brooklyn, New York.

Will review Daily Mirror newspaper dated 5/5/53, for information concerning the subject.

Will re-contact [redacted] through SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON, who furnished additional identifying information.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (100-118425)

SUBJECT: MARTHA KAHN, was  
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DATE: 10/19/54

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Re NY report of SA HAROLD R. CLAUS, 8/30/54.

SE GERARD M. LENAHA checked the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the Borough of Brooklyn on 9/28/54, to verify the subject's birth. He reported that he could not locate a record of the subject being born on 1/29/02.

SE LENAHA also checked the records of the Marriage License Bureau for the Borough of Brooklyn on 9/23/54. He reported that he could not locate a record of the subject being married on 11/26/47.

NY 694-S and [redacted] were contacted by SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON on 9/23/54. Both informants advised they did not know the subject.

SA JOE N. HATHAWAY reviewed the "NY Daily Mirror" issue of 5/5/53 at the office of the Mirror at 235 East 45th Street, NYC. On page 3 of this issue appeared an article captioned "admitted Red names 65 as cell members." The article continued by relating that Mrs. DOROTHY FUNN testified before the House Un-American Activities on 5/4/53 and named the subject as a Communist.

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TITLE <b>MARTHA KAHN, was</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Records at Marriage License Bureau reflect subject born on 1/25/02 and was married to ISIDORE KAHN on 11/26/47. "NY" Daily Mirror issue of 5/5/53 contains an article in which it stated that Mrs. DOROTHY FUNN named the subject as a "Communist" in her testimony before the House Un-American Activities Committee on 5/4/53. Birth records for Brooklyn negative to subject's birth on 1/29/02. Superintendent of subject's apartment believes subject to be employed.

**DETAILS:**

Birth Data

SE GERARD M. LENAHER checked the records of the Marriage License Bureau for the Borough of Manhattan on October 26, 1954. He reported that on the subject's application for marriage license her birth date was reflected as January 25, 1902 in New York City.

Marital Status

SE GERARD M. LENAHER reported that the records of the

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Marriage License Bureau for the Borough of Manhattan reflect that Marriage License Number 38214 was applied for by MARTHA LEPOWSKY and ISIDORE KAHN on November 24, 1947.

Mrs.

He further reported that the subject gave the following information on her application:

Mr + Mrs.

She was born on January 25, 1902 in New York City. Her parents were JAMES LEPOWSKY, born in Russia and BERTHA AARON, born in Russia. She was a white female, residing at 250 West 24th Street, New York City, and was a teacher by occupation. She indicated that this was her first marriage.

LEPOWSKY

ISIDORE KAHN gave the following information concerning him on this application:

1452 Wilkins Ave., Bronx, NY

He was born on December 31, 1903 in Russia. His parents were HYMAN KAHN, born in Russia and RITA ANNE WIGODSKY KAHN, born in Russia. He was a white male, residing at 1452 Wilkins Avenue, Bronx, New York, and was a diamond setter by occupation. He indicated that this was his first marriage.

These records further reflect that they were married in New York City on November 26, 1947. The marriage was witnessed by BERTHA LEPOWSKY and SONIA M. KAHN.

#### AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT

##### Communist Party Membership

The reporting agent reviewed the "New York Daily Mirror" issue on May 5, 1953 at the office of the "New York Daily Mirror" at 235 East 45th Street on September 27, 1954. On Page 3 of this issue there appeared an article captioned, "Admitted Red Named 65 As Cell Members". The article continued by relating that Mrs. DOROTHY FUNN testified before the House Un-American Activities Committee on May 4, 1953, and that she named the subject as a "Communist".

##### Communist Party Activity

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T-1 and T-2, both of known reliability who have knowledge of some Communist Party activity in the New York area, advised they do not know the subject.

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In efforts to verify the subject's birth on January 29, 1902, SE GERARD M. LENAHAAN checked the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics for the Borough of Brooklyn, with negative results. He also checked the Marriage License Records for the Borough of Brooklyn with negative results.

SA WILLIAM J. DANIELSON, JR., reviewed the records of Hunter College on November 18, 1954. He reported that these records reflect the subject was born on January 29, 1902 in Brooklyn, New York.

Mr. HENRY A. SCHAAF of 250 West 24th Street, Superintendent of the subject's apartment at the same address, advised on November 2, 1954, he believes the subject to be employed, but he does not know the place of her employment. He based his belief on the fact that daily, except Saturday and Sunday, the subject usually leaves her apartment between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. and does not return until around 5:00 p.m.

Mr. SCHAAF advised that Mr. HAROLD LEVINSON of the Rental Office governing the building, might possibly know where she is employed. He stated that the Rental Office is the Benenson Realty Company at 475 5th Avenue, New York City.

Miss HARRIET RAYNES, Secretary to HAROLD LEVINSON, at 475 5th Avenue, advised on November 22, 1954 that their records on the subject failed to reflect any employment. The record did show that the subject has resided at 250 West 24th Street since at least 1942. Miss RAYNES stated that Mr. LEVINSON was not in the office but that she would inquire if he has any knowledge of the subject's employment and advise the reporting agent.

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Miss RAYNES telephonically further advised that Mr. LEVINSON does not know where the subject is employed, but that she was formerly employed as a school teacher.

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T-2 [REDACTED]	Negative	9/23/54	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	Instant Report

MISCELLANEOUS

For the information of the Bureau, Mr. SCHAAF stated on November 16, 1954 that the subject planned to have a painter paint her apartment in the near future. He recalled that from a conversation he had with the subject, the latter mentioned something about having this painter call the subject when he arrived. Therefore, SCHAAF believes that the painter will have the telephone number where the subject can be reached during the day. SCHAAF volunteered to get this phone number from the painter when he begins work and furnish it to the reporting agent.

Miss RAYNES stated that when the subject pays her December rent, she will note at what bank she does business and furnish same to the reporting agent.

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Will recontact Mr. HENRY SCHAAF and obtain the subject's phone number at work or the name of the painting company which did the subject's work.

Will recontact Miss HARRIET RAYNES and obtain the name of the bank where the subject has her account.

Will continue efforts to determine subject's employment.

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LEADS CONT'D

Will check the birth records for Brooklyn for the subject's birth on January 25, 1902.

REFERENCE: Report of SA HAROLD R. CLAUS 8/30/54, at New York.

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TITLE <b>MARTHA KAHN, was</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** T-1, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning the subject's employment, advised 4/22/55, that subject as of that date, was employed as a Secretary with the Salvation Army, NYC. T-2, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning the subject's residence, advised 4/19/55, that the subject, as of that date, resided in apartment 5-C, 250 West 24th Street, NYC. T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in July, 1954, that MARTHA KAHN, 250 W. 24th St., NYC, was on the County Committee of the CP in NY. Description set forth.

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**DETAILS:**

**I. BACKGROUND**

**Birth Data**

SE GERARD M. LENAHER on May 17, 1955, reviewed the records of the New York City Bureau of Vital Statistics, Borough of Brooklyn, and could locate no record of the birth of MARTHA LEPOWSKY on January 25, 1902, or January 29, 1902. The subject listed her name as MARTHA LEPOWSKY on her marriage application.

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Employment

T-1, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning the subject's employment, advised on April 22, 1955, that MARTHA KAHN, as of that date, was employed as a Secretary to Major OLIVE McKEOWN, Salvation Army, 349 Bowery, New York City, and has held this position since March 1, 1954.

T-1 asserted that prior to her obtaining the above mentioned Secretary's position, she was employed as a stenographer-typist for the Salvation Army at 120-130 West 14th Street, New York City from January 26, 1954, to March, 1954.

Informant revealed that at the time the subject was employed, she indicated that she was born January 29, 1904, and that her Social Security number was 127-28-7384. T-1 concluded by stating that the subject listed as a prior employment, the New York City Board of Education, Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York, from January, 1924 to 1951.

Residence

T-2, who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning the subject's residence, advised on April 19, 1955, that the subject, as of that date, resided in apartment 5-3, 250 West 24th Street, New York City.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, in July, 1954, advised that MARTHA KAHN, 250 West 24th Street, New York 11, was on the County Committee of the Communist Party in New York City, date unknown by T-3.

T-3 advised that he had no additional information concerning the subject.

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III. DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from information furnished by T-1 and T-2:

Name	MARTHA KAHN, was
Sex	Female
Race	White
Height	5 feet 2 inches
Weight	110
Build	Medium
Hair	Gray
Characteristics	Wears rimless glasses, round face, thin legs
Employment	Secretary, Salvation Army, 349 Bowery, New York City
Former employment	New York City Board of Education, January, 1924 to 1951
Residence	Apartment 5-C, 250 West 24th Street, New York City
Social Security	127-28-7384
Marital Status	Married.

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity And/or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
T-1, CHARLES H. WISEMAN, Legal Advisor, Salvation Army, 120-130 W. 14th St., NYC	Employment	4/22/55	PATRICK W. HIGGINS	100-118425-11
T-2, Fisur	Residence	4/19/55	PATRICK W. HIGGINS, WILLIAM A. BRACKEN	100-118425-11
T-3, [REDACTED]	Subject on County Committee CP, NY	7/22 & 25/54	VERNON D. JENSEN, Et Al	[REDACTED]

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identity of the source must be concealed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Inasmuch as T-1 and T-2 furnished information concerning the subject's employment, the leads set forth in the report of SA JOE N. HATHAWAY, dated 12/8/54 at NY, to determine subject's employment, were not covered and therefore, will not be reported.

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1. Will continue efforts to verify subject's birth.

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LEADS (CON'T)

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

2. Will contact additional informants in an effort to secure information concerning the subject's current activities in the Communist Party.

3. Will consider submitting Form FD 122 for inclusion of the subject's name on the Security Index.

REFERENCE Report of SA JOE N. HATHAWAY, 12/8/54, NY.

ADMINISTRATIVE PAGE (CON'T)

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-413339)

DATE: 8/10/55 *U. R. 4*

FROM : SAC, New York (100-118425)

SUBJECT: MARTHA KAHN, was  
SM-CX It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME MARTHA KAHNALIASES Martha Lepowsky, Mrs. Isidore KahnBirth not  
NATIVE BORN verified NATURALIZED

ALIEN

COMMUNIST X

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY

INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST  
LEAGUE

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify)

TAB FOR DETCOM

TAB FOR COMSAB

RACE White SEX FemaleDATE OF BIRTH Not verified

PLACE OF BIRTH

UNKNOWN

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address)

Salvation Army, 349 Bowery, NYC

KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE NUMBER

RESPONSIBILITY

INTERESTED AGENCIES

RESIDENCE ADDRESS Apt. 5C, 250 West 24th St., NYC

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Card Filed

Martha Kahn, with alias

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on July 22 and 25, 1954, made available photographic copies of the records of the Los Angeles County Communist Party. Among this material was information relating to one, Vic Radic, a Security Index subject of the Los Angeles Office.

Page 1865 reflects the following information regarding Martha Kahn, it being noted that at the top of this page was the date "6/52".

"V.R. and his wife have lived in this area for about two years. When he first came here, Merle had several discussions with him. Questions were raised during these discussions which resulted in our seeking more information about his previous activities and status in New York. A comrade from New York was here at the time and told us he had been expelled in New York for pro-Tito tendencies. (Martha Kahn, 250 West 24th Street, New York 11-on Co. Com. in New York.). He has never been in the Party in this area".

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member of the Communist Party, which testimony was given in May, 1953. This testimony reflects that Mrs. Funn knew Martha Lepowsky, who later married and became Mrs. Kahn, as a student at a New York State Communist Party School in July, 1939. This school was held at Bergman's Farm, near Kingston, New York.

According to Mrs. Funn's testimony, Martha Lepowsky was a New York City teacher and as of July, 1939 had probably been a Communist Party member for at least a year, inasmuch as Mrs. Funn said one of the requirements to attend the school was at least a year's membership in the Communist Party.

The records of District Intelligence Office, Third Naval District, reflected in 1942 that one, Martha Lepowsky, 45 Hawthorne Street, Brooklyn, New York, was associated with, or was sympathetic to the Communist Party.

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NY 588-S also declared that the subject has been a teacher for the New York State Communist Party School Commission (date not indicated).

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The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation, New York City Police Department, reflect that Martha Kahn, 250 West 24th Street, New York City,



signed an American Labor Party (ALP) Nominating Petition (page 17) for Clifford T. Mc Avoy for President of the City Council in 1951, Third Assembly District.

The records of the New York City Board of Elections, Borough of Manhattan, reflect that the subject registered her intent to affiliate with the ALP from 1948 to 1953.

The records of District Intelligence Office, referred to above, reflected in 1942 that one Martha Lepowsky, teacher at Lafayette High School, Brooklyn, New York, was reputed to be a member of the Executive Committee of the Teachers Union.

The Rapp-Coudert Committee, a New York Legislative Committee which investigated subversive influences in the New York State Public Schools from 1940 until 1942, reported in February 1942, that the Teachers Union of New York City, was, at that time, commonly accepted and adequately proven to be controlled by Communists. This committee also reported that teachers, who at that time still belonged to the Teachers Union, could no longer be deemed ignorant of the true nature of the Teachers Union, and they must be either Communists, willing tools of Communists, or willfully blind to the record.

In view of the information furnished by [redacted] to the effect that the subject was on the New York County Committee of the Communist Party probably in June, 1952, and due to her extensive activity in the Communist Party during the 1940's including her teaching in the School of Marxists Study at the JSSS from 1947 to 1949, it is recommended that her name be included on the Security Index of the New York Office.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-413339)

DATE: 10/18/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-118425)

SUBJECT: MARTHA KAHN, was.  
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It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

☒ The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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NATIVE BORN ☒ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

TAB FOR DETCOM \_\_\_\_\_ TAB FOR COMSAB \_\_\_\_\_ RACE ☒ SEX \_\_\_\_\_DATE OF BIRTH ☒ 1/29/02 PLACE OF BIRTH ☒ Brooklyn, New York

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

## KEY FACILITY DATA:

GEOGRAPHICAL REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ RESPONSIBILITY \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTED AGENCIES \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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Addendum

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>10/24/55</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6/27, 7/27, 8/17; 9/20, 22, 27; 10/13, 14, 17/55</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM A. BRACKEN</b>	<b>cx</b>
TITLE <b>CHANGED MARTHA KAHN; was, Martha Lipavski</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Records of BVS, Bklyn, NY, reflected MARTHA LIPAVSKI was born Bklyn, NY, 1/29/02. A pretext telephone call on 10/17/55, revealed subject resided at 250 W. 24th St., NYC. T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 10/17/55, that subject was employed as a secretary for the Salvation Army.  <b>P -</b>				
DETAILS:  The title of this report is marked changed to include the alias of <u>MARTHA LIPAVSKI</u> which is the name appearing on the subject's birth record at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Brooklyn, New York.  <u>BACKGROUND</u>  <u>Birth Data</u>  CHARLES FISCHER, Division of Teachers Records, Board of Education, New York City, on September 22, 1955, advised SA WILLIAM J. DANIELSON, Jr., that the records of the Board of Education reflect that MARTHA L. KAHN of 250 West 24th				
AGENCY <u>RAV</u> REQ. REC'D DATE FORW. <u>11-7-55</u> HOW FORW. <u>765 (0-6)</u> BY <u>[Signature]</u>				
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Street, New York City, was born on Christopher Street, Brooklyn, New York, on January 29, 1902, as MARTHA LEPOWSKY.

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Brooklyn, New York, as reviewed by SE GERARD M. LENAHER on September 27, 1955, reflected that MARTHA LIPAVSKI, Certificate Number 2533, was born January 29, 1902, at Brooklyn, New York. Her father's name was listed as JAMES B. LIPAVSKI, born in Russia, and her mother as BERTHA MARGEN, born in Russia. Their residence was shown as 184 Christopher Street, Brooklyn, New York.

#### Residence

A pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was made on October 17, 1955, to Chelsea 3-3967 which is listed in the Manhattan, New York Telephone Directory to ISIDORE KAHN, 250 West 24th Street, New York City. It was ascertained at this time that the subject resided at that address.

#### Employment

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 17, 1955, that as of that date the subject was employed as a Secretary to Major OLIVE Mc KEOWN, Salvation Army, 349 Bowery, New York City. T-1 revealed that on October 14, 1955, the subject announced her decision to resign from her present position pending a replacement. The informant offered the opinion that in all probability the subject would be leaving the employ of the Salvation Army in approximately two weeks. The informant could furnish no information concerning the reason for the subject's resignation nor could he furnish any information as to her plans for future employment.

#### Miscellaneous

Confidential informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, and who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activities in the New York City area were contacted and advised that the subject was unknown to them and they could furnish no information concerning her.

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity Or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
T-1  CHARLES H. WISEMAN, Legal Advisor, Salvation Army, 120-130 W. 14th St., NYC	Employment	10/17/55	SA DONALD F. WISEMAN	Instant report

Unidentified confidential informants referred to in the details of this report are as follows:

	Negative	10/13/55	SA ARTHUR P. HEALY	Instant report
	Negative	10/13/55	SA ARTHUR P. HEALY	Instant report
	Negative	10/13/55	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	Instant report
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Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

MISCELLANEOUS

The form FD 122 is being submitted to reflect the subject's date and place of birth. The information on the subject's SI card in the NYO was checked and found to be current and correct.

The pretext telephone call referred to in the details of this report was made by SA WILLIAM A. BRACKEN on 10/17/55, during which time SA BRACKEN identified himself as a friend of the subject. The person answering this call identified himself as the husband of the subject.

The subject's husband, ISIDORE KAHN, wa (NY file 100-90032), was removed from the Security Index of the NYO.

LEADSNEW YORKAt New York, New York

Will recontact T-1 within thirty days and ascertain subject's employment status.

Will consider interviewing subject under the Security Informant Program.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-413339)

DATE: 12/20/55

FROM : SAC, New York (100-118425)

SUBJECT: MARTHA KAHN, was.  
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X The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ALIASES Add: <sup>03</sup> Martha Lipavski

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

✓ Unemployed

## KEY FACILITY DATA:

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RESIDENCE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-413339)

DATE: 12/28/55

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-118425)

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SUBJECT: MARTHA KAHN, was  
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SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM,  
NEW YORK DIVISIONRereport of SA WILLIAM A. BRACKEN, 10/24/55,  
at New York.The above captioned individual is being considered  
for interview under the Security Informant Program.BACKGROUND

Subject was born on 1/29/02 in Brooklyn, NY. She is a member of the white race and a citizen of the US. Subject, as of 12/20/55, resided in Apartment 5C, 250 West 24th St., NYC. She is married to ISIDORE KAHN, who is the subject of a closed security case in the NYO in the case entitled ISIDORE KAHN, wa, NY 100-90032.

Subject attended Maxwell Training School of Teachers, Brooklyn, NY, from 1919 to 1921. She attended Hunter College, Evening Division, from 1928 until 1931, and was granted a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, Hunter College, in 1934.

A pretext telephone call on 12/20/55 to an unidentified individual at the Salvation Army, 349 Bowery, NYC, revealed that the subject resigned from her position with that organization approximately one month ago and was presently unemployed.

ACTIVITIES

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on 7/22 and 25/54, made available photographic copies of the records of the Los Angeles County CP. Among this material was information relating to one VIC RADIC, a Security Index subject of the Los Angeles Office.

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Submit results in report

Date 1/6/56

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Page 1865 reflected the following information regarding MARTHA KAHN, it being noted that at the top of this page was the date "6/52."

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The records of District Intelligence Office, referred to above, reflected in 1942 that one MARTHA LEPOWSKY, teacher at Lafayette High School, Brooklyn, NY, was reputed to be a member of the Executive Committee of the Teacher's Union.

The records of the Board of Education, NYC, reflected that the subject became a substitute teacher in the NY school system in October, 1921, and in February, 1922,

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was appointed a regular teacher. According to these records the subject was continuously employed as a teacher in the NY school system until she retired on May 1, 1951.

Mr. HENRY COSHBURN, Division of Teachers Records, Board of Education, NYC, advised on 6/16/54 that the subject has been considered a "risk" by the NYC Board of Education. Mr. COSHBURN asserted that in the event the subject applies for reinstatement with the NYC Board of Education, it would be necessary to conduct an investigation concerning the subject before she was re-employed.

PLAN OF APPROACH

The subject will be contacted under secure conditions but not at her home or her place of employment, should she obtain employment prior to the time that this proposed interview will be conducted. If approved, this interview will be conducted by agents assigned to this program under secure conditions. The interview will be conducted under existing Bureau instructions relating to the captioned program.

SAC, New York (100-118425)

February 23, 1956

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SECURITY MATTER - C

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NEW YORK DIVISION

Reurlet dated February 10, 1956,

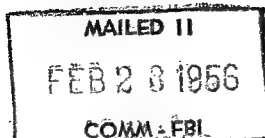
An additional 30-day period is granted  
in which to interview subject, as requested in  
relet.

Note on yellow:

Subject on SI. Interview originally authorized  
1-6-56. Subject born 1902, Brooklyn, NY, is of white race,  
married to Isidore Kahn, who is subject of closed security  
case. Subject unemployed, member of CP from 1946 through  
1949. Student at NY State CP School in July, 1939. Subject  
has been teacher in Painter's Branch of CP from 1946.=  
Subject taught Leninism. Subject member IWO, registered  
ALP from 1948 to 1953.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-413339)

DATE: 2/10/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-118425)

SUBJECT: MARTHA KAHN  
SM - C

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NEW YORK DIVISION

Re New York letter to Bureau, 12/28/55.

Since submission of referenced letter, surveillances were conducted on 1/12, 13, 17, 23, 30, 31/56, in an attempt to interview the subject but without results. Investigation has disclosed that KAHN is currently unemployed and maintains irregular hours. Further attempts will be made to contact the subject under the provisions of captioned program, if approved by the Bureau.

Bureau authority is requested for an additional 30-day interview period.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-413339)  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-118425)  
 SUBJECT: MARTHA KAHN  
 SM - C

DATE: 3/26/56

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SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM  
 NEW YORK DIVISION

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Re NY letters to Bureau 12/18/55 and 2/10/56,  
 and Bulet to New York, 2/23/56.

On 3/14/56 the subject was interviewed in  
 accordance with the provisions of the captioned program and  
 the results follow:

On 3/14/56 at 5:10 PM, the subject was observed  
 leaving the building located at 130 West 57th Street, NYC.  
 Prior investigation had disclosed that the subject recently  
 began employment with a firm called "Translations" located  
 at that address.

The subject walked west on 57th Street toward  
 7th Avenue. When she was a discreet distance from her  
 place of employment she was contacted by SA SANFORD A.  
 MOEN while SA JAMES G. FITZGERALD observed the interview  
 from a discreet location in order to insure that security  
 conditions prevailed.

When KAHN heard her name being called she turned  
 around and acknowledged that she was MARTHA KAHN and smiling  
 asked what the agent wanted. As soon as the agent produced  
 his credentials and identified himself, the smile left the  
 subject's face and she immediately retorted, "I have nothing  
 to say," as she walked away. The agent followed KAHN and  
 inquired as to the reason for her reaction, stating that  
 she did not even know the purpose of the contact. KAHN made  
 no reply but increased her pace and when she neared the corner  
 of 57th Street and 7th Avenue, she darted into the crowd  
 merging at a nearby subway entrance. The interview was  
 terminated at this point.

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Because of the subject's uncooperative attitude, no further attempts will be made to recontact her at this time.

A summary report is currently being prepared on the captioned subject and the results of the interview will be reported therein.

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TO : Director, FBI (100-413339)

DATE: 3/19/56

FROM : SAC, New York (100-118425)

SUBJECT: MARTHA KAHN, was.  
SM-CCard U.T.D.  
3-27-56

It is recommended that a Security Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.

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The Security Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows: (Specify change only)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ALIASES \_\_\_\_\_

NATIVE BORN \_\_\_\_\_ NATURALIZED \_\_\_\_\_ ALIEN \_\_\_\_\_

COMMUNIST \_\_\_\_\_ SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY \_\_\_\_\_ INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE \_\_\_\_\_

MISCELLANEOUS (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ PLACE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS ADDRESS (Show name of employing concern and address) \_\_\_\_\_

✓ "Translations", 130 West 57th Street, New York, New York

## KEY FACILITY DATA:

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TITLE <b>MARTHA KAHN, was: Mrs. Isidore Kahn, Martha Lepowsky, Martha Lipavski</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>

## SUMMARY REPORT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject resides in Apartment 5C, 250 West 24th Street, NYC, and is employed by Translations, 130 West 57th St., NYC. Informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised subject on County Committee CP in NY. JOHN LAUTNER advised KAHN CP member 1946 - 1949; taught in Painters Branch CP, NYC, 1946-1947; taught JSSS, 1947-1949. Informants who have furnished reliable information in the past advised KAHN member IWO, 1946, 1951 and 1952. DOROTHY FUNN, self-admitted CP member, in 1953, stated she knew subject to be CP member in 1939. Records of BSS, 1954, reflect subject signed ALP Petition, 1951. Board of Election records, NYC, reflect subject registered ALP preference 1949 until 1953. On 3/14/56, subject refused to be interviewed by FBI. Description set forth.

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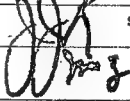
## DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUNDA. Birth Data and Citizenship

CHARLES FISCHER, Division of Teachers Records, Board of Education, New York City, on September 22, 1955, advised SA WILLIAM J. DANIELSON, JR. that the records of the Board of Education reflect that MARTHA L. KAHN of

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250 West 24th Street, New York City, was born on Christopher Street, Brooklyn, New York, on January 29, 1902, as MARTHA LEPOWSKY.

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Brooklyn, New York, as reviewed by SE GERARD M. LENAHA on September 27, 1955, reflected that MARTHA LIPAVSKI, Certificate Number 2533, was born on January 29, 1902, in Brooklyn, New York. Her father's name was listed as JAMES B. LIPAVSKI, born in Russia, and her mother as BERTHA MARGEN, born in Russia. Their residence was listed as 184 Christopher Street, Brooklyn, New York.

#### B. Education

The records of the Board of Education, New York, New York, which were made available by Mr. HOWARD J. HUMAN, Records Office, Board of Education, 110 Livingston Street, New York, New York, to SA WILLIAM J. DANIELSON, JR. on June 17, 1954, reflected that the subject attended Maxwell Training School for Teachers, Brooklyn, New York, from 1919 until 1921. These records further reflected that the subject attended Hunter College, Evening Division, New York City, from 1928 until 1931. She was granted a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education at Hunter College in 1934.

#### C. Marital Status

SE GERARD M. LENAHA reported that the records of the Marriage License Bureau, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as reviewed by him on October 26, 1954, reflected that Marriage License Number 38214 was applied for by MARTHA LEPOWSKY and ISIDORE KAHN on November 24, 1947.

He further reported that the subject gave the following information on her application:

She was born on January 25, 1902, in New York City. Her parents were JAMES LEPOWSKY, born in Russia, and BERTHA AARON, born in Russia. She was a white female, residing at 250 West 24th Street, New York City, and was a teacher by occupation. She indicated that this was her first marriage.

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ISIDORE KAHN gave the following information concerning himself on this application: as follows

He was born on December 31, 1903, in Russia. His parents were HYMAN KAHN, born in Russia, and RITA ANNE WIGODSKY, born in Russia. He was a white male, residing at 1452 Wilkins Avenue, Bronx, New York, and was a diamond setter by occupation. He indicated that this was his first marriage.

These records further reflected that they were married in New York City on November 26, 1947. The marriage was witnessed by BERTHA LEPOWSKY and SONIA M. KAHN.

T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in March, 1948, that ISIDORE KAHN was a member of the Communist Party (CP).

#### D. Employment

A pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the FBI on March 14, 1956, to Translations, 130 West 57th Street, New York City, Circle 6-1667, revealed that the subject, as of that date, was an employee of that organization.

T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 22, 1955, that MARTHA KAHN, as of that date, was employed as a secretary to Major OLIVE MC KEOWN, Salvation Army, 349 The Bowery, New York City, and has held that position since March 1, 1954.

T-2 asserted that prior to her obtaining the above-mentioned secretary's position, she was employed as a stenographer - typist for the Salvation Army at 120 - 130 West 14th Street, New York City, from January 26, 1954, to March, 1954.

The informant revealed that at the time the subject was employed, she indicated that she was born on January 29, 1904, and that her Social Security Number was 127-28-7384. T-2 disclosed that the subject listed as a prior employment, the New York City Board of Education, Livingston Street, New York City, from January, 1924, to 1951.

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T-2 was recontacted on October 17, 1955, and revealed that the subject, as of that date, was still employed as a secretary to Major OLIVE MC KEOWN. T-2 asserted, however, that on October 14, 1955, the subject announced the decision to resign that position pending a replacement. The informant offered the opinion at that time that in all probability, the subject would be leaving the employ of the Salvation Army in approximately two weeks.

T-2 concluded by saying that he could furnish no information concerning the reason for the subject's resignation.

A pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the FBI on December 20, 1955, to the Salvation Army, 349 The Bowery, New York City, revealed that the subject had resigned from her position with that organization some time in November, 1955, and was, at that time, unemployed.

The records of the Board of Education, as reviewed on June 17, 1954, and referred to above, reflected that the subject became a substitute teacher in the New York City School System in October, 1921, and in February, 1922, was appointed as a regular teacher. According to these records, KAHN was continuously employed as a teacher in the New York City School System until she retired on May 1, 1951.

T-3, who was in a position to furnish reliable information concerning the subject, advised in June, 1954, that the subject has been considered a "risk" by the New York City Board of Education. The informant revealed that in the event the subject applies for reinstatement with the Board of Education, it would be necessary to conduct an investigation concerning the subject before she could be employed.

#### E. Residence

Observations of the subject by a Special Agent of the FBI in March, 1956, revealed that the subject resided in Apartment 5C, 250 West 24th Street, New York City, as of March 14, 1956.

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Miss HARRIET RAYNES, Secretary to HAROLD LEVINSON, Benenson Realty Company, 475 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised SA JOE N. HATHAWAY on November 22, 1954, that the Benenson Realty Company handled the property at 250 West 24th Street. She stated that their records reflected that the subject has resided at 250 West 24th Street since at least 1942.

The records of the Board of Education, as reviewed on June 17, 1954, and referred to above, reflected that the subject resided at 250 West 24th Street, New York City, and listed the following previous addresses:

1919	255 Hart Street Brooklyn, New York
1925	943 St. Marks place Brooklyn, New York
1930	1081 park place Brooklyn, New York

## II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

### A. Position and Membership in the CP

T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, in July, 1954, advised that MARTHA KAHN, 250 West 24th Street, New York City, was on the County Committee of the CP in New York City.

The informant was unable to furnish the date that the subject was on the County Committee, and advised that he had no additional information concerning her.

JOHN LAUTNER, former chairman of the review commission, New York State Communist Party who was expelled from the CP in January 1950, advised in May, 1954, that the subject was a member of the CP from 1946 through 1949. LAUTNER described the subject as a "hard core" CP member.

A report entitled, "Hearing Before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 83rd Congress, First Session, Investigation of Communist Activities in New York City Area," reflects on pages 1195

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to 1229, the testimony of Mrs. DOROTHY K. FUNN, a self-admitted former member of the CP, which testimony was given in May, 1953. This testimony reflects that Mrs. FUNN knew MARTHA LEPOWSKY, who later married and became Mrs. KAHN, as a student at a New York State CP School in July, 1939. This school was held at Bergman's Farm, near Kingston, New York.

According to Mrs. FUNN'S testimony, MARTHA LEPOWSKY was a New York City school teacher who, as of July, 1939, had probably been a CP member for at least a year, inasmuch as Mrs. FUNN said one of the requirements to attend this school was at least a year's membership in the CP.

The records of the Office of Naval Intelligence, Third Naval District, New York City, reflected in 1942, that one MARTHA LEPOWSKY, 45 Hawthorne Street, Brooklyn, New York, was associated with or sympathetic to the CP.

LAUTNER advised in May, 1954, that the subject attended "many" CP meetings during 1947, 1948 and 1949. JOHN LAUTNER also advised in May, 1954, that the subject had been a teacher in the Painters Branch of the CP in New York City in 1946-1947 and during this course of instruction, the subject taught the five features of Leninism.

LAUTNER further advised that from 1947 to 1949, the subject had been a teacher in the School of Marxist Study, at the Jefferson School of Social Science (JSSS). JOHN LAUTNER advised that this was considered as the inner school at JSSS, where only CP members were taught.

The JSSS, New York, New York, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

#### B. Activities in the Teachers Union

The records of the Office of Naval Intelligence, referred to above, reflected in 1942, that one MARTHA LEPOWSKY, teacher at Lafayette High School, Brooklyn, New York, was reputed to be a member of the Executive Committee

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of the Teachers Union.

The Rapp-Coudert Committee, a New York Legislative Committee which investigated subversive influence in the New York State Public Schools from 1940 until 1942, reported in February, 1942, that the Teachers Union of New York City was, at that time, commonly accepted and adequately proven to be controlled by Communists. This committee also reported that teachers, who at that time still belonged to the Teachers Union, could no longer be deemed ignorant of the true nature of the Teachers Union, and they must be either Communists, willing tools of Communists, or wilfully blinded to the record.

#### C. International Workers Order (IWO)

T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in January, 1953, that MARTHA L. KAHN was a member of Lodge 500, IWO, as of July, 1951.

T-7, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in February, 1952, that MARTHA LEPOWSKY was a member of Lodge 500, IWO, in December, 1946. T-7 further advised that MARTHA L. KAHN was a member of Lodge 500, IWO, in 1950, 1951 and 1952.

The IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

#### III. INTERVIEW OF THE SUBJECT

*MOEN IDENTIFIED*

SA SANFORD A. MOEN on March 14, 1956, attempted to interview the subject; however, after identifying himself, the subject stated, "I have nothing to say."

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, as reviewed by SA AUGUST J. MICEK on August 12, 1954, reflected that MARTHA L. KAHN, 250 West 24th Street, New York City, signed an American Labor Party (ALP) Nominating Petition (page 17)

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for a CLIFFORD T. MC AVOY for President of the City Council in 1951, Third Assembly District.

The records of the Board of Elections, Borough of Manhattan, New York City, as reviewed by SA WILLIAM R. MILLER on August 16, 1954, reflected that MARTHA L. KAHN, 250 West 24th Street, New York City, registered to vote from 1948 until 1953, giving as a party preference, the ALP for each of these years.

T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the ALP a struggle for power among three groups. These were the CP, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's, the CP emerged as the controlling force within the ALP in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally, these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau, and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942, the CP was able to capture the ALP in Brooklyn. T-8 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The ALP never developed into an organization of any real consequence in the nonindustrial areas of New York State.

T-9, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1955, that the CP today as in the past, through its members in key positions in the ALP, constitutes the force that controls it.

Confidential informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, and who are familiar with certain phases of CP activities in the New York City area, contacted in March, 1956, advised that the subject was unknown to them and they could furnish no information concerning her.

#### V. DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from information furnished by T-2, and as a result of observation by SAS of the FBI in March, 1956; as well as the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Brooklyn, New York:



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Name	MARTHA <del>X</del> KAHN, was <u>SUMMARY</u>
<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>January 29, 1902</u>
<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Brooklyn, New York</u>
Sex	Female
Race	White
Height	5'
Weight	100 - 110 pounds
Build	Medium
Hair	Noticably grey
Characteristics	Wears glasses
Employment	Translations, 130 West 57th Street, New York City
Former Employments	Secretary, Salvation, Army, 349 The Bowery, New York City; Teacher, New York City Board of Education, 1924 - 1951
Residence	<u>Apartment 5C, 250 West</u> <u>24th Street, New York City</u> <u>NY</u>
<u>Social Security</u> <u>Number</u>	<u>127-28-7384</u>
Marital Status	Married

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INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity Or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
T-1 [redacted]	Used to document ISIDORE KAHN.			
T-2 Mr. CHARLES H. WISEMAN, Legal Advisor, Salvation Army, 120 - 130 W. 14th St., NYC (By request)	Employment ✓	4/22/55 ✓	SA PATRICK W. HIGGINS	100-118425-11
	Employment ✓	10/17/55 ✓	SA DONALD F. WISEMAN	100-118425-18 p 2
T-3 HENRY COSHBURN, Division of Teachers Records, Board of Education, NYC (by request)	Subject considered "risk" NYC Board of Education ✓	6/16/54 ✓	SA WILLIAM J. DANIELSON, JR.	100-118425-5 p 3
T-4 [redacted]	Subject on County Committee CP, NY ✓	7/22 & 25/54 ✓	SA VERNON D. JENSEN, ET AL	[redacted]
T-5 <del>JOHN CLAUTNER</del> (by request) <b>NOT USED</b>	<del>CP membership and activities</del>	<del>5/7/54</del>	<del>SA JOHN H. DOWNING, HAROLD L. HOLT</del>	<del>100-118425-3</del>
T-6 [redacted]	IWO membership ✓	1/23/53 ✓	SA DAMON W. PITCHER	100-2936-1A612 (31)
T-7 [redacted]	IWO membership ✓	2/26/52 ✓	SA SEVERETT K. DEANE, A. E. FALLER	100-2936-1A612 (30)
T-8 BELLA V. DODD (By request)	Used to document ALP. ✓			
T-9 [redacted]	Used to document ALP. ✓			

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<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Date of Activity Or Description of Information</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Agent to whom Furnished</u>	<u>File Number where Located</u>
	Unidentified confidential informants referred to in the details of this report are as follows:			
	Negative	3/9/56	SA ARTHUR P. HEALY	Inst. rept.
	Negative	3/9/56	SA ARTHUR P. HEALY	Inst. rept.
NY 694-S	Negative	3/13/56	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON	Inst. rept.
	Negative	3/14/56	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	Inst. rept.
	Negative	3/13/56	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	Inst. rept.

Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed, and "T" symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the source must be concealed.

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Information attributed to T-1 in the details of this report was furnished through [redacted] on July 22 and 25, 1954. This data was obtained from photographic copies of the records of the Los Angeles County CP. Among this material, was information relating to VIC RADIC, an SI subject of the Los Angeles Office.

Page 1865, bearing the date "6/52" of this material reflects the following information:

"V.R. and his wife have lived in this area for about two years. When he first came here, Merle had several discussions with him. Questions were raised during these discussions which resulted in our seeking more information about his previous activities and status in New York. A comrade from New York was here at the time and told us he had been expelled in New York for pro-Tito tendencies. (MARTHA KAHN, 250 West 24th St. N.Y. 11 - on Co. Com. in N. Y.) He has never been in the Party in this area."

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Information attributed to ONI in the details of this report was furnished the NYO on June 12, 1942, and June 20, 1942, and can be located in NY file 65-4309 - 13380 and NY file 100-31551-1757, page 85.

The pretext telephone call utilized to obtain the subject's present employment, was made by SA SANFORD A. MOEN to an unidentified individual at Circle 6-1667, which is listed in the Manhattan, New York City, Telephone Directory. to Translations, 130 West 57th Street, New York City. SA MOEN was able to obtain employment information without identifying himself and without associating himself with any organization.

The pretext telephone call utilized to ascertain the subject's employment status in December, 1955, was made by SA WILLIAM A. BRACKEN on December 20, 1955, to an unidentified individual at the Salvation Army, 349 The Bowery, New York City. During this telephone conversation, SA BRACKEN identified himself as a friend of the subject who desired to talk to her on a personal matter.

The physical surveillance utilized to obtain the physical description of the subject was conducted by SAS SANFORD A. MOEN and JAMES G. FITZGERALD on March 14, 1956.

The attempted interview of the subject, under the provisions of the Security Informant Program, was conducted by SA SANFORD A. MOEN on March 14, 1956, and was observed by SA JAMES G. FITZGERALD, who was located at a discreet distance from the subject.

Verification of subject's current residence was accomplished on March 14, 1956, by SA SANFORD A. MOEN by means of a physical surveillance.

The subject's SI card in the NYO was reviewed and found to be current and correct.

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ADMINISTRATIVE (CONT'D)

This case has been re-evaluated in light of the revised criteria pertaining to Security Index subjects, and KAHN'S activities still warrant her retention on the SI.

The subject's husband, ISIDORE KAHN, is the subject of a closed investigation in the NYO in the case entitled, "ISIDORE KAHN, wa; Security Matter - C," Bu file 100-395878, NY file 100-90032. He was deleted from the SI in August, 1955, under the revised criteria pertaining to SI subjects.

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At New York, New York

Will intensify investigation of MARTHA KAHN in accordance with Bureau letter dated January 26, 1956, in an attempt to establish contacts of the subject.

REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM A. BRACKEN, dated October 24, 1955, at New York.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (100-413339)

DATE: 7/13/56

FROM : SAC, New York (100-118425)

SUBJECT: MARTHA KAHN, was  
SM-CRerep of SA WILLIAM A. BRACKEN dated 3/30/56, at  
NY.

Numerous spot checks, photographic surveillances and contacts with local Security informants within the past 90 days has failed to identify the subject's contacts or activities within the CP.

Investigation of the subject will continue in accordance with the leads set forth in rerep. The subject's SI card in the NYO has been reviewed and found to be current and correct.

This case has been reviewed in light of the revised criteria pertaining to SI subjects and KAHN's activities still warrant her retention on the SI.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-413339)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-118425)  
SUBJECT: MARTHA KAHN, was  
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DATE: 8/21/56

Re New York letter to the Bureau dated 7/13/56.

Intensified investigation of the subject has failed to identify the subject's contacts or activities withing the Communist Party.

Consideration has been given to developing a highly confidential anonymous source at the subject's residence, however, it was found that conditions were such that adequate security could not be provided at this time. This case is being placed in a closed status, pending the receipt of additional information which would warrant investigation by the Bureau.

The subject's Security Index card in the New York Office, has been reviewed and was found to be current and correct.

This case has been reviewed in light of the revised criteria pertaining to Security Index subjects and MARTHA KAHN's activities still warrant her retention on the SI.

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TITLE OF CASE  MARTHA KAHN, was		REPORT MADE BY RODERICK V. PRECHTL, JR.	TYPED BY pt
		CHARACTER OF CASE  SECURITY MATTER - C	

SYNOPSIS:

Subject resides in Apt. 5C, 250 W. 24th St., NYC, and is employed by Translations, 130 W. 57th St., NYC. Informants, NYC area, do not know subject.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

Observation of the subject by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on May 8, 1957, revealed that the subject resided in Apartment 5 C, 250 West 24th Street, New York City.

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B. Employment

A pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on May 8, 1957, to Translations, 130 West 57th Street, New York City, revealed that the subject, as of that date, was an employee of that organization.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party Activities in the New York City area, contacted in May, 1957, advised that the subject was unknown to them and they could furnish no information concerning her.


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ADMINISTRATIVE PAGEINFORMANTS

Confidential informants, referred to in the body of this report as being unable to furnish information re the subject, are identified as follows:

 contacted 5/8/57 by SA JOHN A. HAAG.  
contacted 5/8/57 by SA JOHN A. HAAG.  
contacted 5/8/57 by SA JAMES P. HALLERON.  
contacted 5/13/57 by SA JAMES P. HALLERON.  
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MISCELLANEOUS

The Special Agent referred to in the details as having observed the subject on 5/8/57 is SA RODERICK V. PRECHTL, JR.

The pretext telephone call to Translations on 5/8/57 to verify the subject's employment was made by SA RODERICK V. PRECHTL, JR., using pretext of mistaken identity.

The subject's SI cards are current and correct.

A suitable photograph of the subject is available in the exhibit section of subject's file.

Subject's file has been reviewed and, in accordance with current SI criteria, the subject is still eligible for retention on the SI.

REFERENCE: Summary report of SA WILLIAM A. BRACKEN, on 3/30/56, at New York.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW YORK</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW YORK</b>	Date <b>5/19/58</b>	Investigative Period <b>4/14, 15, 16, 18, 21, 22, 25; 5/5/58</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>MARTHA KAHN, was</b>		Report made by <b>CHARLES R. MC KINNON</b>	Typed By: <b>paw</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SECURITY MATTER - C</b>	

Synopsis:

Subject resides in Apartment 5C, 250 West 24th St., NYC, and is employed by Translations, 130 West 57th St., NYC. Informants, NYC area, have no knowledge regarding KAHN.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Residence

By use of a suitable pretext a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) made a telephone call to telephone number CH 3-3967 which is listed to ISIDORE KAHN, 250 West 24th Street, New York City. An unknown person advised that Mrs. MARTHA KAHN was presently not at home. This call was made on 5/5/58.

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Employment

A pretext telephone call by a Special Agent of the FBI on May 5, 1958, to Translations, 130 West 57th Street, New York City, revealed that the subject is an employee of that organization.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

Informants, who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area, were contacted during the course of this investigation, and advised that they had no knowledge of the subject nor did they recognize her photograph.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-413339)

DATE: 5/19/58

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-118425)

SUBJECT: MARTHA KAHN, was  
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Enclosed herewith are four copies of referenced report and letterhead memorandum of SA CHARLES R. MC KINNON, at NY, dated and captioned as above.

REFERENCE

NY report of SA RODERICK V. PRECHTL, Jr., dated 5/14/57.

INFORMANTS

The following informants were contacted during the course of this investigation with negative results:

InformantDate ContactedContacted By

4/15/58

SA JAMES P. HALLERON

4/16/58

SA JAMES P. HALLERON

4/16/58

SA JAMES P. HALLERON

4/16/58

SA ROBERT J. DOLAN

4/18/58

SA ROBERT J. DOLAN

4/21/58

SA CHARLES W. CAVANACH

4/18/58

SA CHARLES W. CAVANACH

4/22/58

SA JOHN A. HAAG

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<u>Informant</u>	<u>Date Contacted</u>	<u>Contacted By</u>
[REDACTED]	4/22/58	SA JOHN A. HAAG
NY 694-S	4/22/58	SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON
[REDACTED]	4/21/58	SA DAVID RYAN
	4/25/58	SA DAVID RYAN

ADMINISTRATIVE

Pretext to determine subject's residence was made by SA CHARLES R. MC KINNON by using a television survey.

Pretext to determine subject's employment was made by SA CHARLES R. MC KINNON by asking for the subject for personal reasons.

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☐ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ This report is classified \_\_\_\_\_ because (state reason)

8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

on 3/14/56, subject was contacted and refused to be interviewed. Because of her lengthy affiliation with subversive organizations, it is not felt that an interview would be productive at this time.

9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

of the subject's lengthy activities in the subversive movement. Subject reportedly was on the County Committee of the CP in NYC, date unknown; was a member of the CP from 1946 through 1949, and was described as a "hard core" CP member. Subject was reported in 1939 as a CP member for at least a year, and was allegedly in attendance at "many" CP meetings during 1947 - 1949. The subject reportedly from

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1947 to 1949 was a teacher at the JSSS, and in 1942 was reputed to be a member of the Executive Committee of the Teachers Union.

Because of the subject's lengthy activities in the subversive movement and her apparent strong feelings, it is felt that the activities of the subject continue to depict her as an individual who can be expected to commit acts inimical to the national defense in the event of an emergency.





United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
New York, New York  
May 19, 1958

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Re: Martha Kahn, with aliases  
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Reference is made to the New York report of  
Special Agent Charles R. Mc Kinnon, dated and captioned  
as above.

The informants in referenced report, who  
had no knowledge of the subject nor could they recognize  
her photograph, have furnished reliable information in  
the past.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the  
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1 - Mr. Kitchens  
1 - Mr. Rushing

SAC, New York (100-118425)

June 9, 1958

Director, FBI (100-413339)

Security Index card cancelled  
6-10-58

MARTHA KAHN  
SECURITY MATTER - C

**CANCELLED**  
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Reurlet and your report both dated 5-19-58.

The Bureau does not concur with your recommendation that the subject's name be retained in the Security Index (SI). The SI cards maintained on the subject at the Bureau have been canceled and you should do likewise with the subject's SI cards maintained in your office.

It is noted that the investigation has failed to establish evidence of Communist Party (CP) membership within the past 5 years or evidence of substantial participation in front organizations within the past 3 years. In the absence of above, the Bureau does not concur with you that subject's past CP activities were of such a nature as to depict her as an individual who could be expected to commit acts inimical to the United States in the event of an emergency. It is also noted that the subject's attitude when interviewed in 1956 was completely uncooperative. However, she did not make any positive statement that indicates a continued adherence to a revolutionary organization.

You should, however, include the name of the subject in the revised communist index of your office and should remain alert for information which would justify additional investigation.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject's name in SI, however, activities do not warrant retention therein. Subject employed by Translations, 130 West 57th Street, New York City, and resides at 250 West 24th Street, New York City. John Lautner, former chairman of the Review Commission, New York State CP, advised that subject was member of CP from 1946 through 1949 and described her as a "hard core" CP member. Subject was a student at New York State

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Letter to New York  
RE: MARTHA KAHN  
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CP School in 7-39. [redacted] advised in 1954 that subject had been on a county committee of the CP in New York City but was unable to recall the dates of such activity. Subject taught in Jefferson School of Social Science 1947 to 1949; member of International Workers Order 1946, 1951, and 1952.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW YORK</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW YORK</b>	DATE <b>11/14/62</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>9/19-11/5/62</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>MARTHA KAHN aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>CHARLES S. MILLIKEN</b>	TYPED BY <b>np</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SM - C</b>	

## REFERENCES

NY report of SA CHARLES R. MC KINNON dated 5/19/58.  
Bulet dated 6/9/58.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

The pretext of 10/29/62, was a telephone call by SA CHARLES S. MILLIKEN to the subject under the guise of a home delivery newspaper service.

The subject's husband, ISIDORE KAHN (Bufile 100-395878; NY 100-90032), is on the RI Section B of the NYO.

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The subject's case was reopened in the NYO on 9/19/62, under the RI program and her residence was verified in the NYO territory. No information was revealed which would indicate that she might have come to the attention of the Soviets as being qualified for and amenable to recruitment for espionage purposes. As a result of this investigation, further action concerning this matter does not appear warranted.

A suitable photograph of the subject is available. This report is classified "Confidential" because it contains information from [redacted] and [redacted] the unauthorized disclosure of which might tend to identify the informants and adversely affect the national defense.

The subject was previously interviewed on 3/14/56, at which time she was completely uncooperative.

Inasmuch as the NYO has received no indication that the subject has changed from her previously demonstrated uncooperative attitude, it is felt that a reinterview of the subject at this time would not be productive.

The subject's activities do not meet the criteria necessary for her reinstatement on the SI and she is being maintained on the RI Section B of the NYO.

#### INFORMANTS

Identity of SourceFile Number Where LocatedNY T-1  
[redacted]

Used to characterize ISIDORE KAHN.

NY T-2  
[redacted]

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Identity of SourceFile Number Where Located

NY T-3

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NY T-4

The following confidential informants were contacted on the dates indicated and advised that they either did not know the subject or had no additional information concerning her:

InformantDate ContactedContacting Agent

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10/10/62  
10/10/62  
10/9/62  
10/9/62

SA JOHN P. DI MARCHI  
SA JOHN P. DI MARCHI  
SA JOHN P. DI MARCHI  
SA JOHN P. DI MARCHI  
SA JOHN P. DI MARCHI

10/4/62  
10/8/62  
10/8/62  
9/28/62  
10/1/62  
10/2/62  
9/26/62  
9/26/62  
9/26/62

SA JOHN B. COULTON  
SA SEBASTIAN S. MIGNOSA  
SA SEBASTIAN S. MIGNOSA  
SA PAUL A. JOENSEN  
SA PAUL A. JOENSEN  
SA PAUL A. JOENSEN  
SA JOHN A. HAAG  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Copy to:

Report of: CHARLES S. MILLIKEN  
Date: 11/14/62  
Field Office File No.: 100-118425  
Title: MARTHA KAHN

Office: New York, New York

Bureau File No.: 100-413339

Character: SECURITY MATTER - C

## Synopsis:

Subject resides in Apartment 5C, 250 West 24th Street, NYC, and is a housewife. ✓ Subject attended 12 meetings of NYCAHUAC during 1961-1962, and was sent tickets to attend NYCAHUAC rally to be held 4/21/61. Subject had subscription for 4 issues of "Freedomways", 1962.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUNDA. Residence and Employment

On October 29, 1962, a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), by means of a suitable pretext, determined that the subject and her husband, ISIDORE KAHN, reside in Apartment 5C, 250 West 24th Street, New York, New York, and that the subject is a housewife.

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NY T-1 advised on October 17, 1952, that ISIDORE KAHN had been a trusted Communist Party (CP) member for many years and always worked for the CP in the Jewelry Workers Union. Informant added that he had not seen KAHN in over two years and did not know of his current activity.

## II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

### A. Front Group Activity

1. New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC)

A characterization of the NYCAHUAC is contained in the Appendix Section of this report.

NY T-2 advised on the dates indicated that the subject attended the following meetings of the NYCAHUAC which were held in New York City during 1961 - 1962. Informant stated that discussions conducted at these meetings were concerned with ways and means of negating and destroying the HUAC.

<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
1/17/61	1/7/61	11 East 51st Street New York City
2/8/61	1/17/61	11 East 51st Street New York City
5/19/61	5/8/61	Sheraton-Atlantic 34th Street and 66th Avenue New York City



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<u>Date of Contact</u>	<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
6/23/61	6/12/61	Adelphi Hall 74 5th Avenue New York City
8/4/61	7/25/61	Adelphi Hall 74 5th Avenue New York City
9/22/61	9/13/61	Adelphi Hall 74 5th Avenue New York City
10/19/61	10/10/61	Adelphi Hall 74 5th Avenue New York City
12/4/61	11/14/61	Hotel Albert 10th Street and University Place New York City
12/4/61	11/18/61	Henry Hudson Hotel New York City
1/3/62	12/27/61	Hotel Albert New York City
4/4/62	3/21/62	Hotel Albert New York City
9/26/62	9/6/62	Adelphi Hall New York City

NY T-3, on April 28, 1961, furnished information reflecting that the subject was sent tickets to attend a rally sponsored by the NYCAHUAC, which was to be held April 21, 1961, at St. Nicholas Arena, New York City.

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2. Freedomways Associates, Incorporated

A characterization of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, is contained in the Appendix Section of this report. -

NY T-4, on March 18, 1962, furnished information reflecting that the subject had a subscription for four issues of "Freedomways", 799 Broadway, New York 3, New York, and payment for this subscription was made on February 9, 1962.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informants who are familiar with some phases of Communist activity in the New York City area were contacted during September and October, 1962, and shown a photograph of the subject. They advised that the subject was either unknown to them or they had no additional information concerning her.

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APPENDIX

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The records of the Secretary of State, New York State Department of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Spring, 1962, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "a Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, another source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by JAMES JACKSON, a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

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APPENDIX

NEW YORK COUNCIL TO ABOLISH THE HOUSE  
UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

On March 9, 1961, a source advised that the New York Council To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAUAC), 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York, was formed at a meeting held in New York City on November 17, 1960. This organization was founded principally through the efforts of FRANK WILKINSON, Field Representative of the National Committee To Abolish the Un-American Activities Committee (NCAUAC).

A second source advised on September 17, 1952, that FRANK WILKINSON was a Communist Party member as of September, 1952.

A third source furnished on September 14, 1961, a copy of resolutions of the New York Council to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee (NYCAHUAC) which were adopted by the NYCAHUAC. One such resolution affirmed the intention to continue to work for the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) and to continue its efforts to broaden the participation in this fight. Another resolution accepted as a modus vivendi the suggestion of the Field Representative of the "National Committee to Abolish the HCUA" (NCAHUAC) namely that local abolition committees may identify and co-ordinate their efforts as closely as they desire with NCAHUAC, still maintaining their autonomy for as flexible and independent a program as possible.

Various sources have advised during March, 1962, that Communist Party (CP) members in the New York City area have been solicited to support activities of the NYCAHUAC during attendance at CP club meetings.

On June 6, 1962, the first source advised that the NYCAHUAC continues to function from its office at 150 West 34th Street, New York City, New York.

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New York, New York  
November 14, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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New York 100-118425

Title Martha Kahn

Character Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Charles S. Milliken, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

New York T-3, who has furnished insufficient information to determine his reliability.